

4914. Misbranding of "Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Liniment." U. S. * * *
v. Clark Stanley, trading as Clark Stanley Snake Oil Liniment Co.
Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 7154. I. S. No.
3422-k.)

On May 20, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Clark Stanley, trading as Clark Stanley Snake Oil Liniment Co., Providence, R. I., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about January 9, 1915, from the State of Rhode Island into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of "Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Liniment" which was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Label on bottle) "Clark Stanley's Snake Oil Liniment."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed it to consist principally of a light mineral oil (petroleum product) mixed with about 1 per cent of fatty oil (probably beef fat) capsicum, and possibly a trace of camphor and turpentine.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements, appearing on the label of the article and included in the booklet accompanying it, falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for all pain and lameness, for rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, sprains, bunions, and sore throat, for bites of animals and reptiles, for all pains and aches in flesh, muscle and joints, as a relief for tic douloureux, and as a cure for partial paralysis of the arms and of the lower limbs, and as a remedy for paralysis and effective to reduce enlarged joints to their natural size, as a perfect antidote to pain and inflammation, and effective to kill the poison from bites of animals, insects or reptiles, and heal the wounds resulting from bites of animals, insects, or reptiles, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On June 15, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*